# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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Accidents at URCs
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether cases of deaths are reported frequently on Unmanned Railway Crossings (URCs) and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Railways has expressed its inability to do away with unmanned crossings due to huge expenditure involved considering their large number and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Railways proposes to erect manned crossings on PPP model and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a): The number of consequential train accidents at unmanned level crossings caused due to negligence of road vehicle users was 29 in 2015-16 and 11 in 2016-17 ( upto July 2016) wherein 57 and 22 persons lost their lives respectively.
(b)&(c): It is the endeavour of Railways to eliminate all unmanned level crossings, in a phased manner, by either of the following:-
â€¢ Closure-Closing unmanned level crossings having NIL/negligible Train Vehicle (TVU).
â€¢ Merger-Merger of unmanned level crossing gate to nearby manned/unmanned level crossing or subway/Road Under Bridge (RUB)/Road Over Bridge (ROB) by construction of diversion road.
â€¢ Provision of Subways/RUBs.
â€¢ Manning-Phased manning of unmanned level crossings which cannot be eliminated by above means.
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